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Title

: Method and Apparatus For Loading Stacks Of Cartons Of

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Applicant hereby petitions to make the above-identified application special because applicant is over 65. This petition is accompanied by a declaration by the applicant, W. Sam Coblentz. No fee is required with this petition in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c).

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